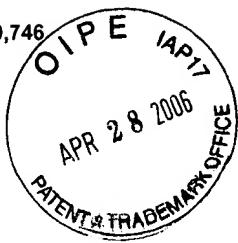


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### Introduction

40 Applicant timely submits this response within thirty days of the above designated Office Action,  
wherein the Examiner requested that applicant comply with Office regulations in making  
amendments to the Claims.

45 The rules require that each amendment document that includes a change to an existing claim, or  
submission of a new claim, must include a complete listing of all claims in the application. After  
each claim number, the status must be indicated in a parenthetical expression, and the text of  
each claim under examination (with markings to show current changes) must be presented. The  
listing will serve to replace all prior versions of the claims in the application.

50 The current status of all of the claims in the application, including any previously canceled or  
withdrawn claims, must be given. Status is indicated in a parenthetical expression following the  
claim number by one of the following: (original), (currently amended), (previously amended),

(canceled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously added), (reinstated – formerly claim #), Previously reinstated), (re-presented – formerly dependent claim #), or previously re-presented). The text of all pending claims under examination must be submitted each time any claim is amended. Canceled and withdrawn claims should be indicated by only claim number and status.

5 All claims being currently amended must be presented with markings to indicate the changes that have been made relative to the immediate prior version. The changes in any amended claim should be shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter). An accompanying clean version is not required and should not be presented. Only claims of the  
10 status “currently amended” will include markings.

The text of pending claims not being amended must be presented in clean version, i.e. without any markings. Any claim text presented in clean version will constitute an assertion that it has not been changed relative to the immediate prior version.

15 A claim may be canceled by merely providing an instruction to cancel. Listing a claim as canceled will constitute an instruction to cancel. Any claims added by amendment must be indicated as (new) and shall not be underlined.  
20 All of the claims in each amendment paper must be presented in ascending numerical order. Consecutive canceled or withdrawn claims may be aggregated into one statement (e.g. Claims 1 – 5 (canceled)).

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